

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 32-34, and 36 and 48 are pending in the application subsequent to entry of the above amendments. Claims 1-30 and 38-47 have been previously canceled and claims 31 and 35 have been canceled above without prejudice to their prosecution in an appropriate application. No claims have been added. Claims 32 and 36 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of base claims but do not alter the scope or content of the claims in any manner, neither narrowing nor broadening. Support for the amendments can be found in the claims as filed since such amendments do not alter the claims. Thus, no new matter has been added.

#### The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 112

The Office Action rejected claims 31, 33, 35 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 112. Since Applicants have chosen to cancel the rejected claims without prejudice in order to facilitate early allowance of the non-rejected claims, the rejections will not be set forth in detail here. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are traversable, for example because of differences between the prior art and the claimed subject matter, but since the cancellations have obviated the rejections, such traversals will likewise not be discussed here. Although Applicants do not agree with the rejections, Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for the thoroughness of the Examination. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 33 should not have been rejected because it depends from non-rejected claim 32, so Applicants have not canceled claim 33.

#### The Non-Rejected Claims

The Office Action noted that claims 32, 34, 36 and 48 were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. As noted above, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 33 should also have been non-rejected because it depends from non-rejected claim 32. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of the recited claims. Claims 32 and 36 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 33, 34 and 48 have not been amended or cancelled because they depend from an allowed claim already amended above.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit the application is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 *et. seq.* Thus, Applicants respectfully request

allowance of all pending claims, 32-34, 36 and 48. Applicants have made a good faith effort to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, for example the particular language in the claims, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter. A check is included herewith to pay for the additional claims. If any need for any additional fee is found, for any reason, kindly this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

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